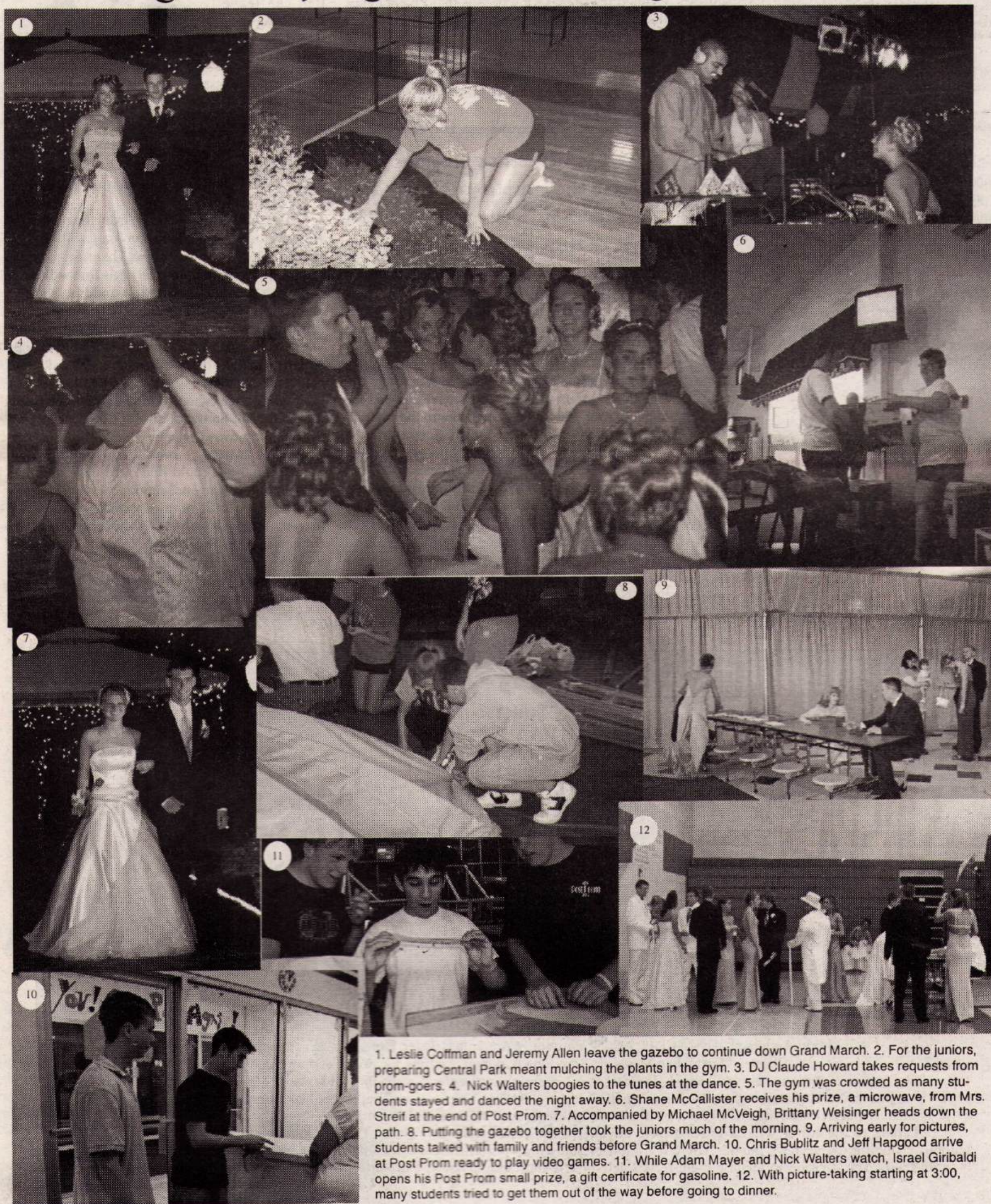


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Planning, Partying, Reminiscing - Prom 2005



1. Leslie Coffman and Jeremy Allen leave the gazebo to continue down Grand March. 2. For the juniors, preparing Central Park meant mulching the plants in the gym. 3. DJ Claude Howard takes requests from prom-goers. 4. Nick Walters boogies to the tunes at the dance. 5. The gym was crowded as many students stayed and danced the night away. 6. Shane McCallister receives his prize, a microwave, from Mrs. Streif at the end of Post Prom. 7. Accompanied by Michael McVeigh, Brittany Weisinger heads down the path. 8. Putting the gazebo together took the juniors much of the morning. 9. Arriving early for pictures, students talked with family and friends before Grand March. 10. Chris Bublitz and Jeff Hapgood arrive at Post Prom ready to play video games. 11. While Adam Mayer and Nick Walters watch, Israel Giribaldi opens his Post Prom small prize, a gift certificate for gasoline. 12. With picture-taking starting at 3:00, many students tried to get them out of the way before going to dinner.

Goodbye Class of 2005

By Holly Grieder

It always seems as if the spring goes on forever in anticipation of the summer months ahead, but the anxiousness I am feeling this spring is more severe than ever. To be completely honest with everyone right now, I feel like I could leave Marion and never come back, but I am sure that will not be the case. After all, my parents, who are currently the main source of my cash flow, live here.

Although I am constantly looking forward to what next year will bring, which at the moment seems so far away, I am forced to reflect on the past four years that have prepared me for it. As my class prepares to receive their diplomas on May 29, I can't help but wonder what I will be thinking about during those last moments of being a high school student. Some of the most important things, good and bad, that have happened in my life have happened while I'm in high school, and some of the friends I have made here will be hard to part with. As a student that has attended Marion all of my school years I feel an incredible amount of gratitude for the district.

One of the reasons that I feel most grateful to have attended Marion is that I have been able to participate in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities without once ever feeling like it was a burden.

My coaches have always worked well with Mr. Bobe, and the different club sponsors have always been sensitive to the fact that I can't always be at every meeting be-

cause of the other activities I am in. At many of the bigger schools that surround us this would not be the case, and we would be forced to choose between those activities. I'm sure as I sit there on May 29th I will be thinking how those activities are what have enabled me to make the friends that I have today, the friends that in the next few years I will either stay in contact with or lose touch of forever.

Something that many of the underclassmen may not realize until they're older is that we really do have a great staff at Marion. As I got my

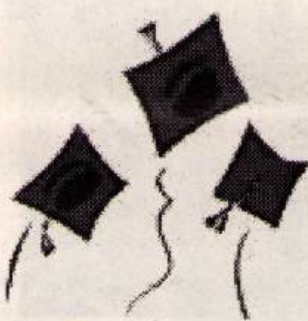
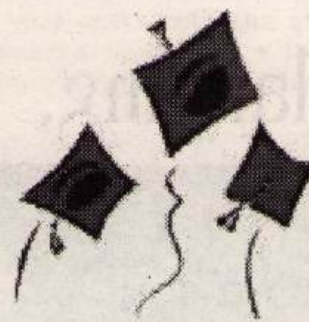
"As my class prepares to receive their diplomas on May 29, I can't help but wonder what I will be thinking about during those last moments of being a high school student."

college acceptance letters back, I couldn't help but feel grateful to the teachers who have enabled me to get this far. From the secretaries to the custodians, the teachers to the administration, at Marion we really have a lot of people who are working very hard for us to get the best education we can.

I'm sure as my mind wanders during the ceremony I will also think of the rougher times I have had during high school. For some people high school is the best time of your life, and for the most part it's great, but at times it can also feel like the worst. Marion High School held my some of time times I let myself down most, my first breakups, and some of the biggest fights with my friends. High

school is a time when you really start to discover who you are, and sometimes that can leave you feeling lonelier than ever. You struggle with what you stand for, and what peer pressure says you should stand for, and although I may not be that old yet I believe those struggles will be some of the hardest I'll have to deal with. Those are the moments that I am ready to leave in the past.

I'm sure when I get home from the ceremony with my newly obtained diploma I will be constantly reflecting on the future. There are so many uncertainties out there for all of us that will cross that stage on May 29th, and I would be lying to everyone if I said that the ambiguity of the future leaves me feeling comfortable. I think that's what I like about it, and why I am ready to get out of high school so badly. I don't think anyone who knows me would call me a risk-taker or spontaneous, but graduating high school is forcing me to be those things. I don't know for sure if Coe College will be right for me next year, but there's nothing I can really do but try it. I think I know what I want to major in, but I could find out I have different passions next year, and although I have enjoyed growing up with all of my classmates, I am ready to meet some new people and be exposed to different personalities. Even though the future remains uncertain and a little bit scary, I have to admit I am very excited for it. I hope all of my classmates feel the same, and I wish everyone in the Class of 2005 the best of luck.



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Getting to know . . .

Hollywood Hilbillies

By Alex Skalla
Journalism I

On April 29 and 30, Marion High School Students transformed from ordinary kids into eccentric characters. While watching the play *Hollywood Hilbillies*, the audience traveled to the world of Happy Hollow with snobby distant relatives, clever crooks, and a small General Store. Mr. McMahon, who has directed the spring play for Marion High School for five years, said, "I chose this show because it was lighter in contrast to previous spring plays." The play proved to be

absolutely hilarious, and it was a nearly soldout show.

The story *Hollywood Hilbillies* takes place in the sleepy town of Happy Hollow, where Cindy Lou (Sarah Jewel), and her Gram Hawley (Ashley Brown), had to protect their general store from the sly crooks Jim Foxhall (Joe Jewell) and Lucy Valentine (Keeley Carson).

The cast worked together with good chemistry. "The actors did a really good job portraying the different personalities...I was really impressed," stated freshman Floris Bannister. The tunes

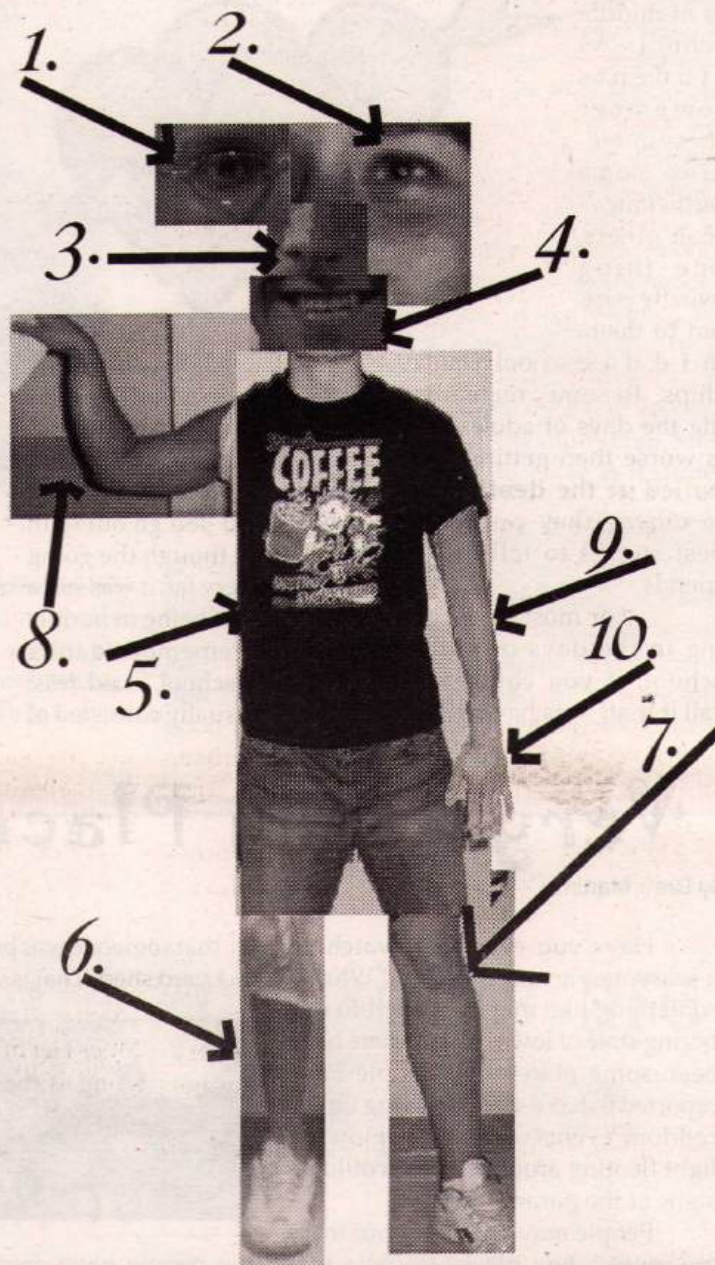
flowed easily during the performance, and the comedy didn't sound forced. "I chose the play because it had an opportunity for fun and to test their abilities," said Mr. McMahon. "The cast worked really well; they were prepared and portrayed senior leadership."

The play gave the audience a new look into family and unconditional love with a blend of comedy, action, and good morals. The play was a great success. "The play went really well, and I was really pleased," said Mr. McMahon.

Guess The Body Part *Who Is It?*

By Charley Martin

Try to guess the body parts of your fellow classmates. Look carefully and see if you are right. Once you think you know who you are looking at, go to page six to see the answers. Good luck!!!



The residents of Happy Hollow (Josh Immerfall, Sarah Jewell, Ashley Brown, Anna Hauskins, Katie Lawson) react with anxiety when their telephone actually rings.



Bank robbers Jim Foxhall (Joe Jewell) and Lucy Valentine (Keeley Carson) have no idea how to deal with Gram Hawkins.



Cousin Bubba (Nick Walters) surprises his snobby cousins (Kelly Cayton, Megan Anderson) with his alligator impression.



When Hollywood writers (Taylor Benter and Drew Hingtgen) show up in Happy Hollow, the sheriff (Will Larsen) thinks they're the bank robbers.



State surveyors (Kasey Bellach and Jodi Moore) tell the family they have to close the general store and move.



Orphan Alice (Sarah Young) appeals to Clem and Gram Hawley for help staying out of the orphanage.

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Middle School Love

By Amanda Grieder

When you look back on the days of super skate and soda dances, you realize you really didn't have that much to look forward to in middle school. As students remember those memories, some farther away than others, one thing usually pops out to them:

middle school relationships. To some, remembering the days of adolescence is worse than getting teeth pulled at the dentist. But to others, they can be the best stories to tell among friends.

For most of us, dating in the days of middle school, if you could even call it that, was having your

parents drive, you around to your friends houses or to a movie and talking on the phone at night. Back then,



it may have been one of the most important things. It was so important that some would wait days to hear those few important words from their crush: "Will you go out with me?" Even though the going didn't go very far, it was still a major part of being in middle school. "I remember dating in middle school," said Jessi Bullis. "It usually consisted of

walking home together if you lived by each other and sitting by each other at lunch."

There are only a few differences between middle school relationships and high school relationships. One of the major ones is that you are older. Most of the time, your parents have more trust in you because of your better judgment and maturity. The fact that you're able to drive in high school also helps out some.

High school love is not always more serious than middle school love. Public displays of affection are a definite difference

in middle school opposed to high school. In middle school, a hug in the hall can sometimes be the most thrilling thing of your day. "Middle school re-



lationships are more like being friends that talk on the phone rather than actually dating someone," said sophomore Jordan Ruby. When you're younger, it is obvious that you're not going to have as serious of a relationship sometimes. But when you're older, you can accept the responsibili-

ties that come along with having a boyfriend or girlfriend.

Basically, what it comes down to, is dating in middle school is a lot different than having a relationship in high school. "I think that dating in middle school is a lot different. You can have a better relationship and have a lot more fun hanging out. It's also a lot easier because you can drive yourself places and



your parents give you more privileges," said Mackenzie Brown. Somewhere along the

line you grew out of gawky glasses and passing notes. With that growing up you take on more responsibilities and also have more privileges. This all ties into having a serious, or even just a good, relationship in high school.

Very Scary Places

By Drew Martin

Have you ever been watching a scary movie and thought, "What if something like that happened in our boring state of Iowa?" Well, there have been some places that people have reported to have seen flickering lights, random events, or orbs of glowing light floating around. These could be signs of the paranormal.

People may not know, but there are quite a few places in Iowa that have been reported to be "haunted". Now, some people don't believe in ghosts or wandering spirits, but for those who do believe, here are some stories.

Brucemore is a huge mansion in Cedar Rapids that is said to be haunted. If you look really close, there is supposed to be a glowing light in the library. People think this is a ghost because the mansion is a



monument of Iowa and no one lives there. It is also one of those creepy old houses that you imagine to be haunted.

The Granger House in Marion has also been reported as haunted. Some stories

say that someone was butchered in the backyard shed. That is why they don't



tour the shed anymore. Others say that more than

two people have died in the house throughout the years. Some nights, people have seen a figure of a woman holding a baby in the middle window on the second floor. This is the only window without shades. In the history of the Granger House, Mr. Granger's first wife died while giving birth.

Another Haunted place in Iowa is a cemetery called Thirteen Steps. It is said that when you go up the steps there are 14, but coming down there are 13. People have said that there have been sightings of ghosts in the graveyard. Others have visited and said that they felt cold, and it was just plain creepy. A lot of people have gotten weirded out by stories that have been passed down by the people in Palo.

"I went to Thirteen Steps, and we counted. There were thirteen both times; we also didn't see anything scary while we were there," said Carly Huffman. "I Went to thirteen steps it was pretty scary but unrealistic," said Chris Bublit.



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ENTERTAINMENT

By Andrew Reynolds and Shawna Leonard

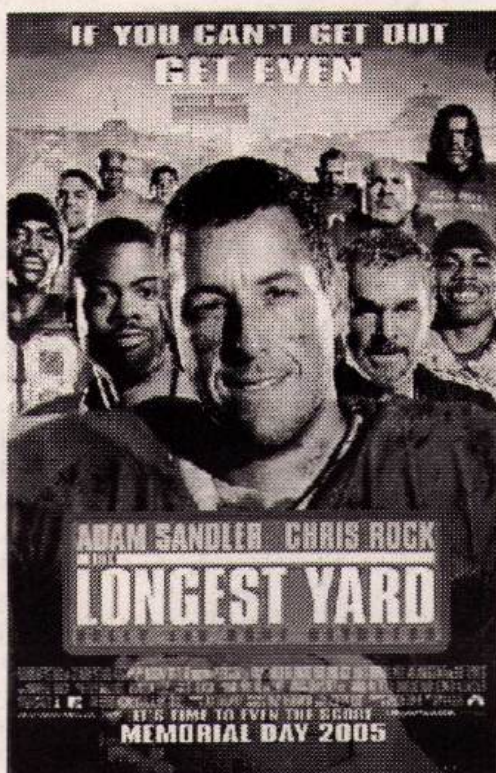
MOVIES: THE LONGEST YARD

Review: The Longest Yard is a remake of the original 1974 release of the movie. The original movie starred Burt Reynolds who plays quarterback, but taking his place in this new movie is Adam Sandler. You might think that Sandler can only be a Waterboy or a Happy Gilmore, but most critics say this movie will be better than those two. The plot to this movie is that Sandler must put together a football team. He has a hard time getting players until they find out who they're playing: the prison guards. Burt Reynolds also comes back to act in this remake as a legendary coach. Nelly also stars in this movie, and Chris Rock has a large role. This movie has a great cast and looks very well put together. It could bring 2005 out of its slump of bad movies.

What I Like: A great cast and plot makes this movie look great to the eyes. This movie is also a remake that looks like it won't suck.

What I Don't Like: Bringing back Burt Reynolds might not have been the best move, but you never know.

Why You Should Check It Out: It could be a fun movie to watch. And just the fact that it's a comedy with Adam Sandler.



THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS

Review: The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants is a drama based on Ann Brashare's best-selling novel about a special summer in the lives of four life-long friends who are separated for the first time. On a shopping trip, the young women find a pair of thrift-shop jeans that fits each of them perfectly. They decide to use these pants as a way of keeping in touch over the months ahead, each one wearing the jeans for a week to see what luck they bring before sending them on to the next. Though miles apart, the four friends still experience



life, love and loss together in a summer they'll never forget.

What I like: A great cast of girls that adapt to the environment of the movie and become great friends.

What I Don't Like: The girls are a bit too much alike.

Why You Should Check It Out: It's a chick flick based on a great book recently brought out. The phase of this book is still going to be popular when this movie comes to theater. It's a great way to see the book come alive.

TELEVISION: FAMILY GUY

Review: The wait is over. The new episodes of FOX's hit Family Guy are here. After being canned following the show's third season, sales boomed when the DVDs were released. 3.5 million copies of the first three seasons were sold on the new discs. After seeing the results of the release of the first three seasons, FOX picked the show back up and ordered 35 new episodes. The show premiered on May 1 and was a hit. 12 million viewers turned out to watch the first episode, and 10 million returned for the second.

These numbers are very good. It had almost as many viewers as the long running Simpsons, which shows that Family Guy should have a long time home at FOX. This show will continue to have success for a long time.

What I Like: Everything about this show is outstanding to me. The jokes never end and the plots are never repeated or get old. You could easily watch repeats over and over again.

Why I Don't Like It: I will have to go with no comment on this category. This show is spectacular.

Why You Should Check It Out: This is one of the funniest shows on television, if not the most funny. The jokes are hilarious and the characters are always involved in different ways.



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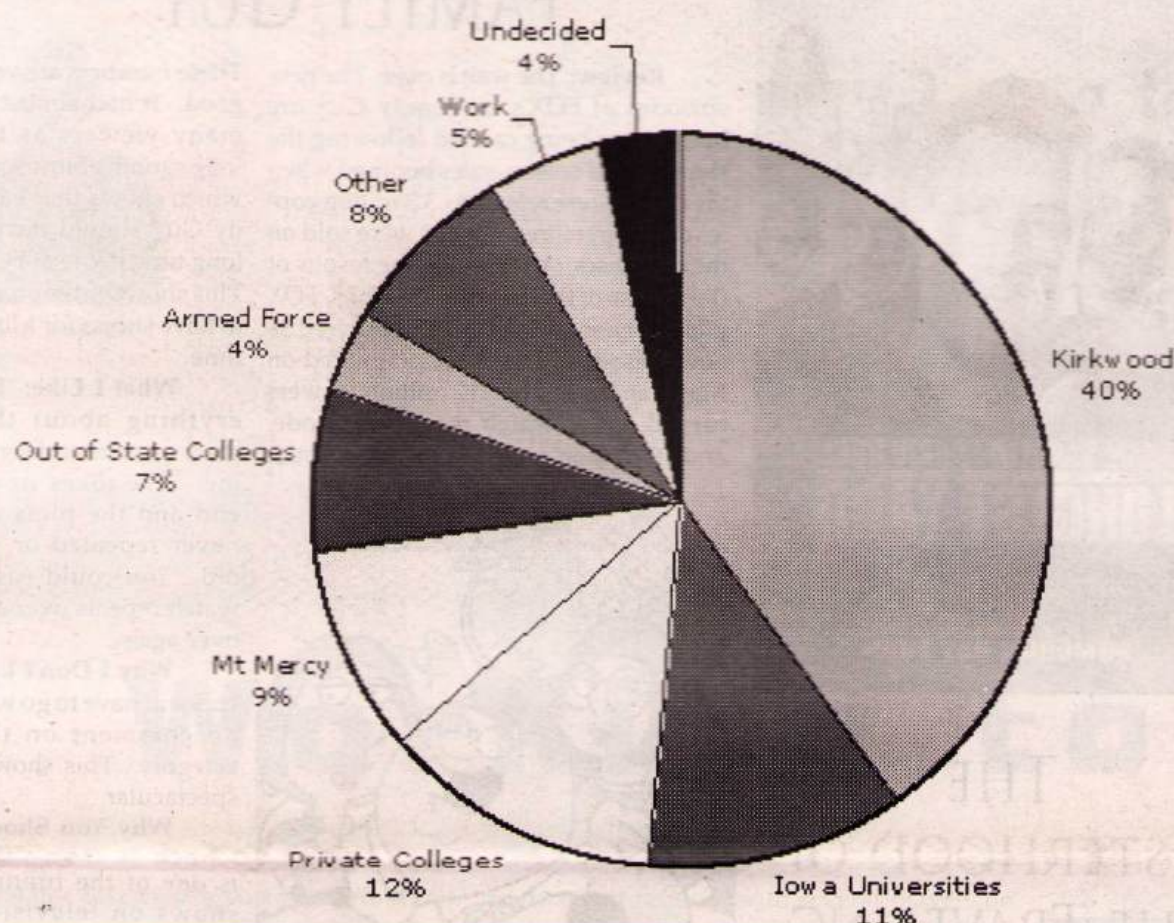
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SENIOR WATCH

By Charley Martin

Future Plans for the Seniors



Seniors, you did it! You finally made it! You're done! Hopefully you have already made your plans for next year so that you are all ready to go. Now you can sit back and relax until it's

time for you to walk into a whole different world. Most of you are going on to further your education, but some are going straight into the job world. Whatever you may be doing next year, good luck to you!

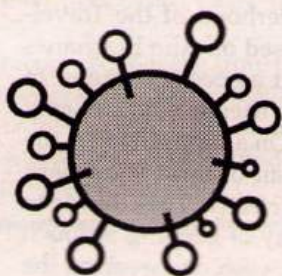
Juniors, now it's your turn. Next year you will be the oldest and the ones in charge. Along with your seniority comes more responsibility, a busier life, wanting to get out of here, and the huge task of figuring out what you're going to do after high school. The most common choice is going on to college. Going to college is the best decision because you need to get a higher education to be able to get a good job these days. Making the right decision will affect you for the rest of your lives. Do what you want to do, but be sure you are doing the right thing for you. Most juniors have taken their ACT's by now. It's still not too late, though, if you haven't taken them. There are many tests offered throughout your senior year, so just be sure to get the information as soon as possible.

We can't forget the younger kids: the underclassmen. You have to start planning for college now. The first thing is to get good grades. What you do in high school shows in your grades. Sometimes you think that you are still too young and you don't need to worry about anything, so you slack off. This is a bad choice. If you wait to work hard and then try your senior year, it may be too late. You want to make it easier for yourself so work hard all the time and you won't have to rush to get everything done.

The biggest advice that can be given to anyone hoping for a good future is to plan ahead and be ready for what is coming. High school goes by so fast and it's done before you know it. You have no time to sit around and wait. Always be thinking about your future and what you can do to better it. Remember high school is one of the most important times of your life; have fun and be smart. What you do now will affect you for the rest of your life. Good luck to everyone in whatever you may be doing!

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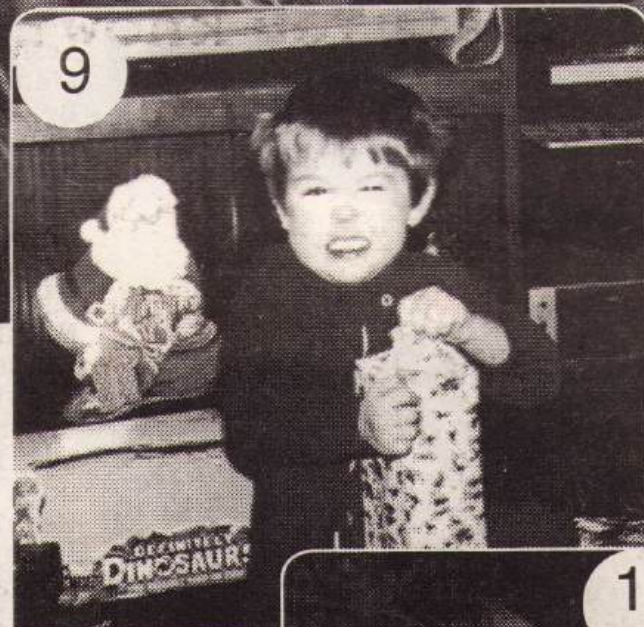
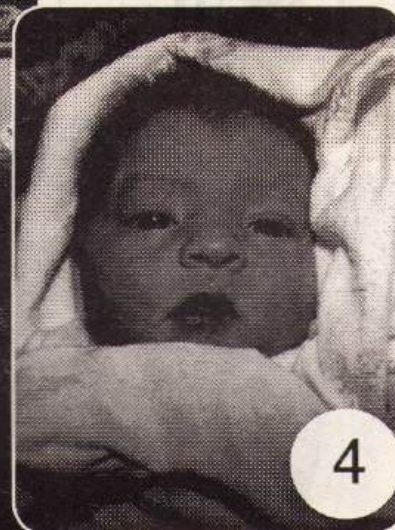
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Guess the Body Part ? Answers ?

1. Right eye: Steven Murray
2. Left eye: Natalie Ryther
3. Nose: John Hauskins
4. Mouth: Bryan Clark
5. Torso: Sean Robinson
6. Right Leg: Tyler Rains
7. Left Leg: Levi Dixon
8. Right Arm: Jon Trumpold
9. Left Arm: Nicole Cox
10. Left Hand: Andrew Barnd

Guess who??

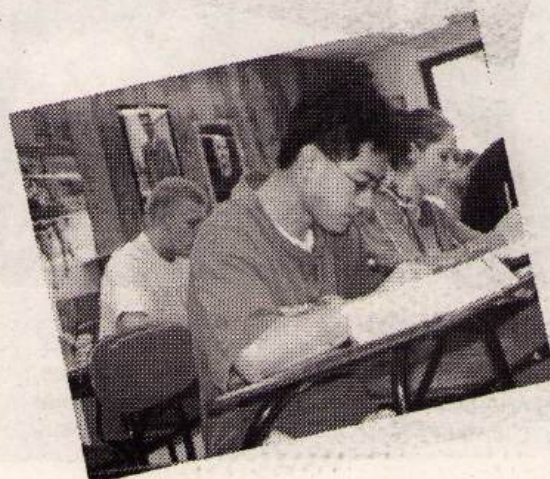
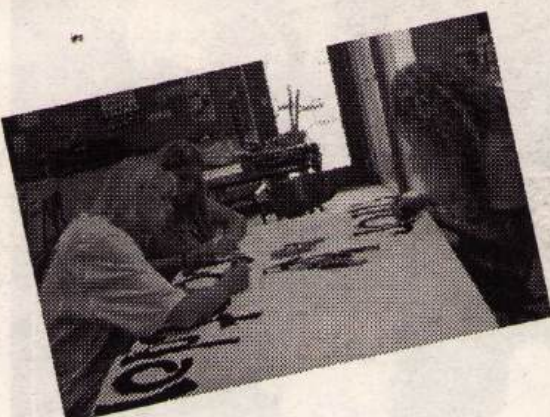
Think you know your seniors? Test your knowledge by trying to identify the seniors from their childhood pictures. Good luck!



Answers: 1. Lucas Hindman 2. Kasey Bellach 3. Ashley Cudworth
4. Alyssa Clark 5. Emily Schroeder 6. Tom Peterson, Bryan Clark, Josh Immerfall, and Trent Jordan 7. Ashley Hummel 8. Ashley O'Neill 9. Shane McCallister 10. Katelyn Kelly 11. Jonathan Fitch 12. Lindsay Freeman 13. Melissa Schmidt



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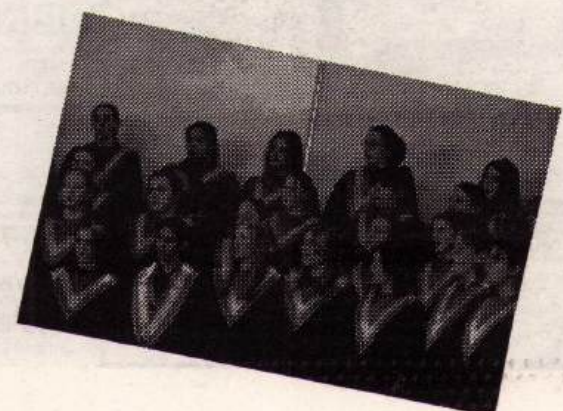


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Jeremy Allen	Iowa State University
Natalie Allen	Kirkwood
Jesse Anderson	Kirkwood
Megan Anderson	Central
Shannon Arnold	Kirkwood
Danielle Auld	Hamilton
Amy Bahl	Kirkwood
Jacqueline Bannister	Iowa State University
Brandon Barkley	Kirkwood
Andrew Barnd	Wartburg
Jake Barnes	Kirkwood
Kasey Bellach	Kirkwood
Nicholas Besler	Marines
Kody Blazek	Wartburg
Brandon Bolsinger	Undecided
Josh D. Boots	Hamilton
Josh L. Boots	Working
Kyle Boots	Kirkwood
Dennis Brawner	Working
Stephanie Broadwater	Lewis University
Ashley Brown	Milwaukee School of Engineering
Chris Bublitz	Kirkwood
Quang Bach	Moving to Texas for school
Jamie Butters	Unknown
Alisabeth Caraway	University of Iowa
Jesse Carsner	Iowa Westling
Andrew Carter	Westwood College
Whitney Cates	Unknown
Ashley Cimaglia	Central
Alyssa Clark	Luther
Bryan Clark	Coe
Linda Clinton	Working
Leslie Coffman	University of Iowa
Margaret Conant	Capri
Brittany Conwell	Kirkwood
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Michelle Davis	Mount Mercy
Jaimie DeLong	Mount Mercy
Ashleigh Derby	Kirkwood
Kylie Dirks	Kirkwood
Nikki Dirks	Working
Alissa Duffy	Iowa Wesleyan
Travis Eagle	Mount Mercy
Jennifer Edwards	University of Iowa
Dan Eilers	Des Moines Area Community College
Josh Ellis	Kirkwood
Raychel Ellwood	Kirkwood
Brandi Evans	Mount Mercy
Lindsey Ferguson	Mount Mercy
Jon Fitch	Coe
Corey Fleagle	Wyoming Tech School
Rob Frazier	Marines
Lindsay Freeman	Kirkwood
Rachel Furman	Mount Mercy
Brian Garrett	Kirkwood
Thomas Greene	Kirkwood
Holly Grieder	Coe
Rachel Grissom	Carlson College of Massage Therapy
Blake Hacker	Webster University
Jason Hackett	Kirkwood
Jessica Hall	Kirkwood
Curt Hansen	Loras
Jeff Hapgood	Kirkwood
Nicole Harris	Undecided
Anna Hauskins	Cornell
John Hauskins	Mount Mercy
Dustin Heiar	Hamilton
Justin Hennessey	Capri
Elizabeth Herb	Kirkwood

Plans



Lucas Hindman	Loras
Matt Horine	Kirkwood
Amber Howe	University of Northern Iowa
Tara Huber	Kirkwood
Jeremiah Huebner	Air Force
Ashley Hummel	Kirkwood
Derek Hurt	Kirkwood
Josh Immerfall	University of Iowa
Jake Jacobs	Kirkwood
Sarah Jewell	University of Iowa
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Kyle Johnson	Working
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Trent Jordan	Mount Mercy
Josh Kane	Kirkwood
Ben Keel	Mount Mercy
Katelyn Kelly	Des Moines Area Community College
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Alex Logsdon	Automotive College
Molly Lohr	Iowa State University
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Charley Martin	Mount Mercy
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Luke McGee	Kirkwood
Steven Mehaffy	Kirkwood
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Ashley O'Neill	University of Iowa
Matt Ottaway	Kirkwood
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Whitney Perkins	Iowa State University
Tom Peterson	Air Force
Tyler Rains	Army National Guard
Torben Reinhardt	Germany
Adnan Sayar	Germany
Alex Scheer	University of Northern Iowa
Melissa Schmidt	Kirkwood
Melissa Schnieders	Kirkwood
Brett Scholl	Kirkwood
Kalie Schoon	Kirkwood
Emily Schroeder	Luther
Steven Schuette	Kirkwood
Jamie Scott	Kirkwood
Melissa Shuttleworth	Mount Mercy
Jared Sindelar	Santa Rosa California Junior College
Courtney Smith	Kirkwood
Duane Smith	Unknown
Michael Stephan	Working
Blake Supple	Kirkwood
Josh Taylor	Kirkwood
Carl Todd	Kirkwood
Tiffany Tope	Mount Mercy
Jon Trumpold	Northwest Iowa Community College
Derek Walton	Kirkwood
Valerie Watt	University of Iowa
Brittany Weisinger	Wartburg
Nate Young	University of Iowa



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Name: Torben Reinhardt



Main Activity: Soccer
Other Activities: SODA
Season Highlight: It was hilarious when Ryan threw the ball into the goal after a throw-in during the game against Benton. I have seen several unusual goals over here; the team dinners are fun too.

What do you like most about your activity? I

like the people in my team. Some of them make me laugh everyday; I also like the rides on the bus to the away games. Once in a while we even win a game, and I appreciate that as well.

Best High School Memory: As an exchange student you have lots of unforgettable memories. For example, when I saw all the cheerleaders for the time first time even before school had started.



That made me look forward to the sporting events and the time at school. I also liked all the dances and the Homecoming parade. There are many classes in which I had fun in as well.

What will you miss most about Marion? I will miss a lot of students, teachers, easy tests, and especially the sporting events, which we don't have at school in Germany. There will also be moments in which I will miss my host family or the English language that has been all around me for almost a year.

Favorite quote or some advice to leave the class of 2005: Have fun and enjoy your last year of a relaxing high school career!

Name: Ashley Cimaglia



Activity: Volunteering
Other Activities: SODA
Season Highlight: Helping out Madame and getting to know her better.

What do you like most about your activity? Chillin' with Madame.

Best High School Memory: Going to foot-

ball games with friends.

What will you miss most about Marion? All of my friends.

Favorite quote or something to leave the class of 2005: Live every moment as though it was your last.

Name: Curt Hansen



Main Activity: Track
Other Activities: Cross Country and Basketball
Season Highlight: Winning the Coe meet.

What do you like most about your activity? Being with my friends.

Best High School Memory: The NBA Live Tournaments with my friends and the trip to Chicago

with a couple of friends.

What will you miss most about Marion? All of my friends and most of the faculty.

Favorite quote or some advice to leave the class of 2005: Have fun in high school; don't worry about everything.



Name: Adnan Sayer



Main Activity: Soccer
Other Activities: Wrestling
Season Highlight: Two victories.

What do you like most about your activity? The other teams' members and just the activity by itself.

Best High School Memory: All the differ-

ent kinds of dances and the wrestling and soccer season.

What will you miss most about Marion? The teachers and all the people I got to know; Mr. Immerfall the Pansy!!!

Favorite quote or some advice to leave the class of 2005: Enjoy your time!



Name: Michelle Davis



Main Activity: Band
Other Activities: Volunteer as a coach for the Special Olympics, SODA, work at the Playstation, Marching Band

Season Highlight: Probably standing in front of thousands of people at Walt Disney World's Animal Kingdom to receive an

award and not dropping it!

What do you like most about your activity? The trips and the people.

Best High School Memory: The band and choir trip to Texas and Florida, Chris and the pool balls at Six Flags, Bobe and Freese getting drenched on the rapids rides,



and Coulter chasing Jasmine at the four Disney parks.

What will you miss most about Marion? The "Senior Mob" in Mr. Bates' room every morning. The band and choir trips and the people. **Favorite quote or some advice to leave the class of 2005:** These are the best years of your life. Make the most of it, and enjoy it while it lasts!

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Shining in the Shrine

By Shawna Leanord

Many athletes are recognized for their talent, but some fall athletes are being recognized for their talent and good hearts. Senior Ryan Rogers has been chosen to participate in the 29th annual Iowa Shrine Bowl football game. The Shrine Bowl will take place July 28 at the Jack Trice Stadium at Iowa State University in Ames. Seniors Charley Martin and Jaimie DeLong have also been chosen to cheer during the Shrine Bowl. Martin and DeLong were both former football cheerleaders. The Shrine Bowl will feature 88 May graduates of Iowa high schools. Half of the group represents schools north of Iowa Highway 30, while the other half represents schools south of Highway 30. The players were nominated by their schools and chosen by groups of coaches.

Proceeds from the Iowa Shrine Bowl will benefit Shriner's Children Hospitals. Before going to Ames, the participants have been asked to raise at least four hundred dollars to help the Shriner's Children Hospital.

To be able to participate in the Shrine Bowl, football seniors were given the chance to fill out papers saying that you wanted to participate and they were sent in and looked over. Once the papers were sent in, the participants were sent information about the Shrine Bowl and tryouts. For tryouts, cheerleaders were to learn a cheer and dance and be able to perform it. To find out that you had made it, you were sent a letter in the mail. After receiving a letter, you were also sent your Shrine Bowl gear. There was a banquet, including a huge dinner,

held after the tryouts to acknowledge and honor everyone who had made it.

The participants will go to Ames a week before the Shrine Bowl to get prepared. While in Ames, they will go to dinners, attend dances, visit Adventureland and the Shriner's Children Hospital, and participate in the Shrine Bowl.



Senior Charley Martin is one of two Marion cheerleaders selected to cheer at the Shrine Bowl.

Fun in the Sun

By Drew Martin

As the school year comes to an end, kids start to realize that summer is just around the corner. They start thinking about what they're going to do. Some kids are going to be working to save up for college or just to have money, some are going on vacations, some are going to spend their summer at the pool, and others are just going to sit around.

I'm going on a Europe Vacation.
- Jessica Blazek

Hanging with friends and running for cross country. - Rachel Smith

Traveling to the East Coast.
- Katie Karsh

I wanted to get the cash flowing so later on I can afford 2 dogs named Mufassa and Godzilla, so I'm working at the Post Office.
- Lucas Hindman



Hanging out with friends.
- Ashley Vangan

I'm going to Florida, and the rest of the summer I'm running to get in shape for cross country season. - John Burhite

Spending a week in Mexico. - Drew Hingtgen

Random Thoughts
by Josh

By Josh Immerfall

So as it turns out, this is my last article ever in the school newspaper. Four years of rambling comes down to this. I wish I had something profound to say, but I don't. Being in this school as a child for endless hours, waiting for wrestling practice to be over, I never really realized how impactful this school would be on me. But it wouldn't be right if I didn't talk about the things I am going to miss here at good ol' Marion High. The bathroom-tiled hallways have to be number one on the list. Many students don't really notice it, but look at the walls of our inner hallways. They are tiled in blue, and on occasion, tan bathroom tiles. It is pretty sweet. I would honestly like to talk to the man who thought: "Hey, lets multicolor tile the walls in our school. Sweet man!" Second on the list: the bells. Who won't miss walking down the hall and the bell just scaring the bejesus out of you? I know I will. But on a serious note, I will miss my pops. He always ran me home when I forgot cross-country clothes and always bailed me out when I forgot my lunch card. Also, I will miss a few certain teachers

who have honestly impacted my life in positive ways, staying on me, so I wouldn't fail.

I would like to leave you with some advice.

Freshmen: First off, get along with your parents; it will make everything so much easier. Second, take all your hard classes as soon as you can. Senior year will be much more fun if you can just take electives the whole time.

Sophomores: I honestly have no advice. Uhhhh, enjoy being a junior?

Juniors: You'll hear it from everyone, senior year flies by. It does to a certain extent, but it also drags on like no other. Don't get caught up in stupid high school stuff, and be friends with everyone you can. But when you make your college decision next year, do what you want to do. Don't follow your friends, boyfriend, or whatever, do what you want to do.

So I guess that's all kids. Remember smiles go miles, keep your head up, hugs and hand pounds, peace, love, and harmony.

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Extending Their Learning

By Ben Messerli

A group of Marion High School students were lucky enough to be a part of the ELP program this year at



Ms. Hartl is the new ELP teacher. This is her first year teaching.

Marion. ELP is run by former Marion graduate Ms. Hartl. The students had an opportunity to go

help in the community and around the school with various projects.

There were stipula-

tions, though, to get into ELP. You had to have good enough ITED scores and a good DRP reading test score. You also had to have teacher recommendations and good qualities such as motivation and willingness to complete work independently.

The Marion ELP group has done many different projects this year. Some girls went to Iowa State for a seminar called "Taking the Road Less Traveled." During December, the group adopted a family and got them gifts for Christmas. In March, the ELP students did a service project for Mid-American Housing. Jake Cram said, "My favorite project was renovating the house because it was a good

experience for me." For this project, they helped paint and clean the house. The most recent project was an independent study. Everyone wrote research papers on any topic they wanted.

One of the hardest parts of the group was finding times to meet. Ms. Hartl works at Vernon and her schedule changes every week. She said it was hard to designate times to meet because everyone was so busy.

ELP has many goals for next year. They want to make the service learning projects more of an emphasis. They would also like to be in an Amnesty International Chapter which is for human rights.

A Green Day in Cedar Rapids

By Megan Anderson

"Don't wanna be an American idiot..." These words and a loud guitar riff sent nearly 9,000 screaming fans to their feet. On May 11, Green Day played to a completely packed U.S. Cellular Center, also featuring My Chemical Romance. Because of the buzz the concert generated in the MHS school hallways, this concert is destined to be one of the highlights of the year.

Lead singer, Billie Joe Armstrong kept the crowd involved with many "repeat-after-me" segments, while bassist Mike Dirnt and drummer Tre Cool kept the fans jumping up and down. The floor of the U.S. Cellular Center was packed body to body with people from all age groups and schools. The fans on the floor of the venue jumped together, screaming

their support for the performing band.

With many students from MHS and other area schools attending, it was a huge thrill for such a high-profile band to come to Iowa. Taylor Benter, who attended the concert said, "I think that the success of this concert will encourage other bands to come perform here as well."

"It was so worth the wait," said senior Natalie Allen. She waited in line for the concert for four and a half hours. "It was one of the best concerts I've ever been to!"

The concert, which was sold out within three days after tickets became available, shows that students in Iowa still enjoy great music. Like senior Shane McCallister says, "Good music never dies, and neither does Green Day!"

Working to Win

By Andrew Barnd

After last year's success in football, several players are taking advantage of opportunities to increase their odds of a repeat season. For these individuals, they realize that off-season work is a must for improvement in a particular sport.

On April 30, sophomore quarterback Josh Busenbark and 2005 captain Ben Messerli attended the Adidas Elite Football Combine at the University of Nebraska. This invitation-only event, held in Lincoln, Nebraska, brought together around 200 of the top high school football players in the region. Although several college scouts were in attendance, the focus was on skill development rather than tryouts for college scholarships. Instead, players were able to improve in areas where scouts would concentrate on. The athletes were tested in the bench press, 40 yard dash, agility, and vertical jump. For Messerli, this event was important for him to participate in. "It showed me what I still need to work on, but at the same time it gets my name out there," he said.

Something new the team is doing this year is taking advantage of several area 7 on 7 camps. The camps are in June and will take place before throwing workouts begin in July. One of the camps is at the University of Northern Iowa, while the other is at Wisconsin-Platteville, a small private college. These camps will be set up in a

tournament fashion, with several players on each side. The defense will consist of four linebackers and three defensive backs, while the offense will be comprised of everyone but the lineman. Making use of what he has, Coach Perkins will use a spread offense, which will be worked on at the camps.

Even at this early stage, the football team is confident in themselves and their abilities. They recognize that the time they put in now will pay dividends when the season kicks off. "I think the football team is doing a lot to get ready for next year. In the end I believe it will pay off," said Busenbark.



Ben Messerli and Josh Busenbark take time out to pose for a picture in front of Nebraska's Memorial Stadium at a football improvement camp. There they did agility tests and learned new skills.



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Moving On



After being involved with the Marion Independent School District since he was five years old, Marion High School is losing a valued staff member at the end of this year. "It will be very difficult to leave Marion High School. The people at Marion High School have shaped who I am as a person and I will never forget their contributions." Mr. Ehresman will assume the High School Principal position at

Washington High School in Washington, Iowa on July 27, 2005. Washington High School contains grades tenth through twelfth and is a Class 3A school just like Marion. "The greatest joy has been my interaction and friendship with the Marion High School community- students, faculty, and staff."

Mr. Bates worked with Mr. Ehresman as both a student, a teacher, and an administrator. He said,

"Mr. Ehresman will be missed. He was supportive, cooperative, and has a good sense of humor. It was great working with him during football and as one of our administrators. We all wish him well."

As a 1989 Marion graduate, Mr. Ehresman was very involved during high school. He graduated from Cornell College and resumed his dedication to Marion ten years ago. He became the principal and activities director for another five years after five years of teaching social studies. "For the past 10 years, I have committed my life to Marion High School." His favorite memory after all these years at Marion was at this year's homecoming bonfire when he and five other teachers danced, fully costumed as the Village People to "YMCA".

"I will miss most the friendships that I have not only with the staff, but with the students as well." He feels that by becoming a principal he may lose some of the student contact that he has now. He feels that he's teaching in his own way, and he'd do it for a long time if he could and be happy with it. Mr. Ehresman said, "Marion High School gave me every opportunity to grow as a student, teacher, and administrator."

"As a high school student at Marion High School, teachers and administrators emphasized the concept of being a life-long learner. In the late 1980's, Marion students were continually encouraged to explore areas for the satisfaction of gaining new knowledge and skills. Also, there were many good role models who displayed lifelong learner qualities. To all those people- THANK YOU!!!"

"Professionally, the time has come to lead a high school through the school improvement process. From my experiences at Marion High School, I am adequately prepared for a high school principal position."



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YOUNG AND STRONG

By Ashley Cory

With everyone's tough mental and physical edge, the Marion track girls made it through the season successfully. Not only did they do well in just about every meet and broke personal records, but many of the girls qualified for state, made an appearance at the Drake Relays, and set new school records. Freshman Jacqueline Kane broke the school record in the 400 meter dash with a 59.6. She ended up breaking her own record again at districts with a 59.2, also qualifying her for state.

Among the girls that made it to state was Sarah Young in the long jump, sprint medley, 100 meter dash,

and 200 meter dash. Sarah was the first person in track history to qualify in all four of her events. Not only did Sarah qualify for state, but she made an appearance at the Drake Relays this year for her outstanding jumps in the long jump. She made it to Drake with a jump of 17 feet and 1/4 inches. Other members that qualified for state were Jacqueline Kane in the 400 meter dash and the sprint medley, Alicia Zanie in the 4 by 800 and 1500 meter run, Jessica Bullis in the 800 meter run, the 4 by 800 team which included Jessica Bullis, Madison Bliss, Rachel Smith, and Alicia Zanie, and last but not least the shuttle hurdle relay consisting An-

drea Podoll, Rachel Furman, Bailey Schindler, and Ali Holub.

The state meet was a coed meet for the first time with both boys and girls from all four classes running from Thursday through Saturday. Marion's lone state medal winner on the girl's side was Jacqueline Kane, who placed 8th in the 400 meter dash. "Running at state was very exciting! I can't wait until next season. THINK BLUE!" said Kane.

"Despite the injuries we had, I was very pleased with the effort and success. We're a very young team and the future looks great" commented Coach Gaffney-Paige.

Shooting for State

By Andrew Reynolds

This has been a great season for both golf teams. The girls team had a great year with improving scores from all six varsity members. Junior Krisanne Ryther led the girls team to many successful meets and tournaments. "We improved a lot over the season and we had a great time," she said. Although they didn't have many wins, their season was a great success. They also have five returning varsity members coming back next year.

The boys team has had their

most successful season since winning state in 1991. The season started with a bang with the varsity team winning their first tournament in over 10 years. The team also broke the school's low round record on 18 holes with a 299. After being postponed, the boys sectionals were held at home at Gardner Golf Course. The boys finished second only losing to Anamosa. From there they traveled to districts in West Delaware. Number one golfer Matt Horine said, "It was a great season. I'm proud that our team did so well."

But their season was not over

at districts. With Anamosa taking first place with a score of 313 and the New Hampton team finished with a score of 318, the golf team surprised everyone with a score of 317 and a state berth. 3rd and 4th place finishers Messerli and Horine qualified on their own, but will now be joined by the whole team. Other varsity golfers are Trent Jordan, Ben Cranny, Jordan ruby, and Brady Quinn. Class 3-A golfers compete this weekend in Atlantic.

Junior Ben Messerli prepares to putt at Monticello.



Senior Matt Horine lines up a drive while golfing at a meet.



Junior golfer Krisanne Ryther hits her second shot at the Jones course.



Building Programs

By Ben Messerli

This year's tennis teams had success in different ways.

The boys team had better numbers than past years and were competitive in every meet this year. The girls team had a lot of things to be happy about also. Mel Schnieders set a school record with ten singles win beating Nicole Henry's old record of nine. Angela Bys and Nicole Henry also set a school record in doubles wins with ten.

One of the reasons why they were so successful this year was because of the senior leadership of Amy Bahl, Tiffany Tope, Ashley Brown, and Mel Schnieders. The

Kyle Clefish follows through after serving the ball to an Independence player. Kyle was player number one this season.



Kelly Cayton receives a ball from her opponent and sends it across the net. Kelly has been a top player since her freshman year.

boys also had some returnees but also had many new players to the game. They were led by Junior Nick Walters and Sophomores Kyle Clefish and Gerard Trembley. One new member was Austin Cudworth. When asked why he went out this year he said, "I thought it would be a new and fun experience. It turned out to be one of the funnest things I did."

The girls improved their meet record from a year ago winning more meets and also improved their finish at the Wamac meet. For the guys, Coach Foth had them fighting hard in every meet.

With the girls only losing four seniors and the guys not losing anyone, both programs are looking up to the future.

Something New

By Ashley Sperry

With seven starters returning and all being seniors, the Marion softball team is looking to have success. The team will have to work with a few changes because of the new coach. Chuck Smith coached for 24 years before taking two years off to travel with his wife. A few senior parents are helping Coach Smith adjust since he's not in the district. There won't be major changes because he wants to continue the traditions and skills at Marion.

The team isn't going to have as many practices as they have in years past, due to the state moving the first practice a week back.

Practice has started for the girls and they are working hard and are ready to improve. Senior Alyssa Clark says, "It's interesting working with a different coaching style than we're used to. I'm excited to see what the season will bring." A lot of the girls are waiting to see what the new changes will bring.

The girls open the season against Linn-Mar at 7:00 on May 31st. It's going to be a tough game for the Indians, and hopefully, they come out on top.

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STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE

By Brandon O'Connel

The boys track season has come to an end with a good group of state qualifiers. Among these athletes who qualified for the state meet were Grayline Ross, Bryan Clark, Kody Blazek, Zach Blazek, Ryan Rogers, Nathan Nissen, and John Burhite. The 4x200 meter relay consisted of Kody Blazek, Zach Blazek, Bryan Clark, and Grayline Ross. They looked like they were going to win until the last leg, when Grayline Ross pulled his hamstring. This was a huge disappointment to Grayline and the rest of the team. Ross had also qualified for the 100 meter-dash finals with the 2nd fastest time. Unfortunately, his hamstring made it impossible to sprint, but he did show a lot of pride when he struggled his way through the finish line just to get the extra points for the team. Ryan Rogers had a very impressive throw and placed 8th overall in the shot put and Bryan Clark finished with a solid 10th place in the discus.

Although the 2005 baseball team lost only four seniors from the year before, those four pairs of cleats should be a lot of work to fill. The team lost four year-starters Brock Holub and Chris Page, as well as number one pitcher, Phil Lala. Stepping up this year is a group with lots of experience to make up for the lack of seniority. Heading the team as captains are

"WE'RE CLOSER AS A TEAM THIS YEAR SINCE WE'VE DONE A LOT OF OFF-SEASON WORK TOGETHER AND HAVE A COMMON GOAL OF WINNING AS A TEAM."

-BEN MESSERLI

seniors Josh Taylor and Andrew Barnd, and juniors Joey Swanson and Ben Messerli. The team is confident in themselves, as they believe themselves to be more cohesive than last

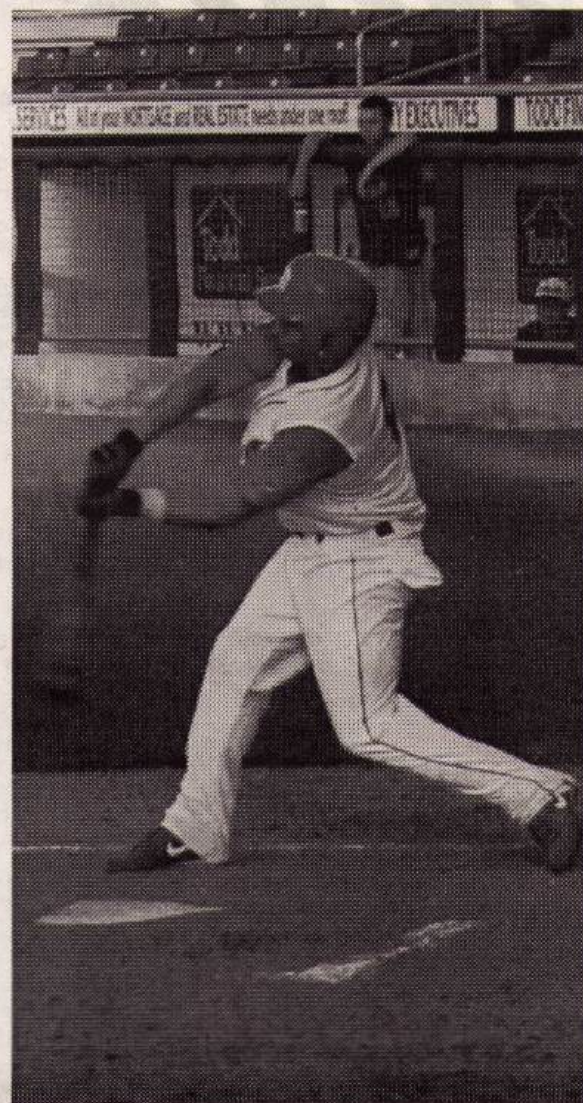
year's group, where team unity was a problem at times. According to captain Ben Messerli, "We're closer as a team this year since we've done a lot of off-season work together and have a common goal of winning as a team and not as individuals."

Other than team togetherness, the strongpoint of this team should be on the offensive side of the ball. The team can strike with a deadly combination of hitting and base running, led by senior Josh Taylor. As a junior, Taylor earned Elite Team, 1st Team All-State for his record shattering performance

at the plate.

As for defense, doing the majority of the pitching will be the pair of left-handers, Barnd and Matt Holland, a junior. Helping out is the hard throwing junior, Justin Schneiders, as well as a variety of sophomores and juniors. In control of the infield at shortstop will be two year-starter Eric Hanna, while either Messerli or sophomore Kevin Schuver will be behind the plate. Meanwhile, returning starters Joey Swanson and Nick Cannavo will command the outfield with their quick speed.

The team began workouts in the gym in mid-January, while some have been hitting and throwing at Perfect Game throughout the winter. A number of the players throughout the program took advantage of a University of Iowa baseball camp, which took place during March and April. There the participants were able to benefit from the valuable instruction of the coaches as well as from the excellent facilities. All of this pre-season work should pay dividends when the team opens up the season on May 21 in the Metro Tournament.



Senior captain Josh Taylor takes a swing against C.R. Prairie at Vets Memorial Stadium last season. Taylor batted .466 on the year and broke several school records.

Going into Overtime

By Paige Johnson

With only a few games left the girls soccer team's record is 7-5. This is the 5th year in a row the girls have ended their season with a winning record. Many games have been taken into overtime and the girls have come out on top in all but one of them. The season started out slow when their opponents included defending state champions as well as teams that have club players and practice year round. After a few weeks of playing together the girls began to recognize each other's strengths and weaknesses. The 2005 team is different than any other Marion team; this team does not have one superstar. The whole team contributes to the wins. The girls work on team bonding by going to team breakfast, volunteering at track meets together, and playing team games at practices. The girls began the season with a non-conference

loss to Linn-Mar at home. The following Tuesday they traveled to South Tama where they played their first conference game. The girls suffered a tough loss when the game went into a shootout. Later the same week the team traveled to Iowa City Regina where they made a last second goal to send the game into over time. The girls pulled it together quickly and won in the first overtime. The next game was a conference game against Independence. The girls lost 6-0. At Western Dubuque the girls won their first conference game 3-0. The next day they won their second conference game in overtime against West Delaware. The same week they played Xavier. Xavier is always a tough game because the girls never get to play with a full roster due to other activities. The next day they traveled to Waterloo Columbus where

they lost their 3rd conference game 3-0. After playing four games in one week the girls had almost a full week off. Their next game was the following Friday against Mt. Vernon where they went into overtime and won again. The following Tuesday they traveled to Dyersville Beckman and won another conference game 3-2. The next game was against Anamosa. After double overtime the game went into a shoot out. This shoot out turned out better than the last one. They won with out having to make all five goals. The next Tuesday they played DeWitt Central at home and once again the game went into double overtime, but the girls won. They have two more home games before they begin Districts. They will play Union for the first round of Districts on May 31st.

Making Goals

By Holly Grieder

It may seem to some of you that the boys' soccer team isn't off to a great start this season, but this young team may get it together just in time for districts. They already have two conference wins, which means they will finish in about middle of the WaMaC this year. For those of you who haven't been paying attention to the team, but would like to get caught up for districts here is what's been going on.

The boys' started their season with a conference win of 3-0 against Benton Community. After that game they suffered some close losses to Anamosa, South Tama, and Independence. On April 18th, the boys did beat rival West Delaware 5-2 which is a

relatively high scoring game. The boys then had losses to last year's state tournament participants Xavier, and then to Waterloo Columbus, Western Dubuque, and Dyersville Beckman. After some disappointing losses, the boys headed to Monticello where they shut out the Panthers 2-0.

The team has shown a lot of leadership this year, both in captains and the new assistant coach Eric Hubbell. As Boys' Head Soccer Coach Foote put it, "We have a relatively young team, which underscores the importance of having student leadership. We are fortunate to have two excellent team captains. Tom Peterson and John Hauskins have both done an outstanding job in

that capacity. We also have a new assistant coach this year. Eric Hubbell is a Marion graduate and a current player on the Mount Mercy Men's Soccer team. His experience and insight have been very valuable to our team this year." Hauskins, a four-year soccer letter winner is currently leading the team's stats with nine goals and four assists to date. The team also has found another outstanding scorer in foreign exchange student Adnan Sayer. Sayer has scored five goals and had eight assists to date.

The boys may not be having the season they have been hoping for, but they are a young team that is definitely learning from each game. We wish them the best of luck as they enter district play.



Looking Back

By Nicole Cox and Ashley Evans

Friday nights under the lights were the highlight of many students' fall. The support for the football team



paid off, earning them a state playoff birth and title as district champions.



Andrew Barnd was a big fad all year long. Not only did he make homecoming court, but the VOX dedicated an issue to him, creating the first "Find Barnd" newspaper.

The first state championship since 2003 belongs to the girls cross country team. This donated banner is now displayed in the cafeteria.



The abundance of snow days let everyone get creative, not to mention adding a few more hours of sleep to the day.



Saturday resitutation, tardies, and spats with the administration were only a few effects of the crowded parking lot.



Halo 2 parties were a regular part of the weekend since many boys become obsessed with the Xbox game. Later on Xbox live became a hit, too, with the opportunity to play people from around the world at all times.



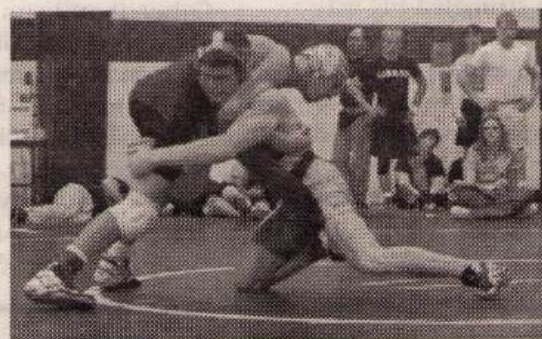
Many great athletes showed off their true talent this basketball season.

Curl Hansen, Travis Eagle, and Madisen Bliss set new school records.



At the beginning of the year, Marion met Hans Goettsch, the new activities director.

AT HIS THIRD AND FINAL YEAR AT THE STATE WRESTLING TOURNAMENT, SENIOR KODY BLAZEK PLACED 3RD AT A WEIGHT CLASS OF 130 LBS.



Fad of the century, baller bands showed up on almost everyone's wrists. They displayed different words such as Baller and Team.



CD players became extinct as Ipods took over for music hounds. Ipods are a convenient way to store a lot of music in one place and are small so they can be fit in your pocket or purse.



Girls sported off the shoulder shirts, sheer tees, and ruffled skirts, all while not breaking the dress code. The school's dress code states that no skin shall be shown in the abdominal region. Undergarments must not be showing either.



Girls saved up and bought expensive Dooney and Burke purses to accessorize their outfits (but at a large price!).



Heck yes! Napoleon Dynamite inspired many to add creative phrases to their vocabulary such as "sweet", "Can I have your tots?", and "gosh!". It became many students' favorite film of the year.

Spiked heels, pointed toes, Uggs, and Shox were just a few of the shoe fashions seen in the hallways.



The classrooms and hallways became much more crowded when the new freshman class showed up, containing a record number of students.



Favorite shows such as American Idol, Deperate Housewives, the O.C., and CSI brought focus to the television set.



At the beginning of the football season, a new hang-out arose. Javie's, a pizza parlor in Marion, became the new hot spot to meet friends.



Juvenile delinquents created trouble this year with many slashed tires, vandalized cars, and a few paintballing rampages.



Bringing back the fad from the '50's, boys donned pink attire to show off their more feminine side.

50 CENT, USHER, DESTINY'S CHILD, AND KELLY CLARKSON OVERTOOK THE RADIO WAVES, EACH WITH SEVERAL HITS. BACKSTREET BOYS ALSO BEGAN THEIR COMEBACK, WITH THEIR NEW SINGLE, "INCOMPLETE".

Most students took hold of their creative thoughts and wrote them in an online journal called a "Xanga". With the possibility to add music, pictures, and movies, xangas became popular as an after school activity.